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Mr. Allen Dulles
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Reference is made to the following documents:

- a. Department of State Instructions CA-275, dated 12 July 1960,
Subject: Cuban Dissidents.
- b. NSCID 4 and DCID 4/2.
- c. IDCOP 59/4.
- d. NSCID 2 and DCID 2/3.

I believe events have long since overtaken the policies and procedures currently in effect concerning the intelligence exploitation of disaffected Cubans. Based on the acceptance of the fact that Cuba is now considered a Satellite of the Soviet Union, and the limited opportunities offered the U.S. community to satisfy their intelligence needs, it appears timely and necessary that the U.S. Intelligence Community re-examine the direction for the intelligence exploitation of disaffected Cubans.

I am particularly concerned with the acquisition and exploitation of knowledgeable Cuban sources who have been or are being educated and trained in Soviet Bloc countries, as well as Cubans knowledgeable on current Cuban military forces. I recognize that there have been relatively few Cubans defecting from Soviet Bloc countries; however, there is at least one such case of a Cuban student defection in Munich, Germany. I believe such defections should be encouraged and properly exploited to increase the defection rate and the flow of intelligence information.

Directives referenced in paragraph 1b and c, above, are pertinent to disaffected Cubans in areas outside the U.S. Reference 1b, would insure that Cubans qualifying for defector status would be exploited for the maximum U.S. interest, while reference 1c, would provide for exploitation of those Cubans whose qualifications fall short of the defector criteria.

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I recommend that the USIB charge the Interagency Defector Committee with the responsibility to review current policy and procedures, particularly reference 1a, above, concerning disaffected Cubans in overseas areas and submit at an early date to the USIB recommendations that will provide for realistic policy and procedures in the light of the current situation.

The intelligence exploitation of Cubans entering and/or currently in the United States, should also be examined, particularly the situation in the Miami area. I am informed that there are some 17 national, state and local agencies having myriad interests in Cuban refugees in the Miami area. A number of these agencies have either a direct interest in intelligence exploitation or can provide support to such exploitation. I recognize that [redacted] there is adequate coordination between CIA and representatives of the three military services. However, there is a need for a coordinating mechanism to align the interests and capabilities of numerous other agencies in support of intelligence needs. I recommend that the Domestic Source Committee be assigned the responsibility to develop and submit to the USIB for approval a completely coordinated program to exploit Cuban refugees in Miami and other areas in the United States.

Request the above recommendations be placed before USIB at an early date.

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Sincerely,

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